

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1271 - SB 1049

March 17, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes any administrative attachments between the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences and the Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists. Renames the Council as the Board for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Board of Communication Sciences and Disorders will no longer oversee the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists, including the Council's rules and fee increases.
- There will be no additional duties or staff requirements as a result of the proposed change. Any costs incurred can be accommodated within existing resources of each board.
- The Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences and the Council for Licensing Hearing Instruments currently have separate funds in which expenditures are paid.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board of Communication Sciences and Disorders had a balance of \$62,820.15. The Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists had a balance of \$5,148.50 in FY09-10 and a deficit of \$49,288.33 in FY08-09. As of June 30, 2010, the Council's cumulative deficit was \$44,139.83

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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